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An Evening Echo.

Hypocrisy is the outward acknowledgment of inward shame.
N. MACDONALD.

From time to time the Telegram has urged the enactment of a county salary law, and there is no reason why it should change its position now, although Ross Stout, sheriff-elect, appears to have gathered the Exponent under his wings in a movement to prevent the legislature from abolishing the iniquitous fee system altogether. That sheet is now saying, "Onward, Christian Soldier" in feeding at the public crib at the expense of the taxpayers.

Huntington and Charleston are said to be dissatisfied with their commission forms of government to the extent that citizens of both cities will petition the legislature to authorize the two cities to make changes. Commission form of government may read well on paper but when it is put into practice it is not what it is pictured on paper. There are many leading citizens of Clarksburg opposed to that form of government with the belief that it would be a dangerous step to the best interests of the city and its future welfare. They have a right to their belief, notwithstanding the fact that a few people are inclined to drive them.

The Conservative Telegram.

Commenting upon a recent Telegram editorial paragraph on the advancement, by one degree, of the federal senatorship race, the Parkersburg State Journal says:

"The Clarksburg Telegram is cold and cruelly sarcastic. It is worse, diabolically and fiendishly satirical. More, it is an iconoclast, with a steam hammer and an axe, a tomahawk and a butcher knife thrown in for good measure."

Outside of all that, the Telegram is all right, is it not, Uncle Presley?

Reed's Popularity.

Certified results of the recent state election show that the honorable Stuart P. Reed has lost none of his old-time popularity. He has the distinction of having received the largest popular vote on the state ticket. The Wood county vote was at first reported 183 less for him than the official returns show and the discovery of the error placed Secretary Reed in the lead. The popular votes received by the candidates on the Republican state ticket was as follows:

Hatfield 128,062, Reed 132,513, Shawkey 132,412, Lilly 132,452, Darst 132,440, Long 132,402 and Williams 131,856.

Cogitate Some.

Consolation in some degree may be found by both those who are in favor of a commission form of government for Clarksburg and those who do not favor it in the following editorial paragraph clipped from the Charleston Gazette:

"So Clarksburg is agitating a commission form of government?"

"The idea is of interest and many arguments can be brought forward in its support. The commission form has been tried in a number of American cities, with fairly satisfactory results. However, no form of municipal government has yet been devised that is capable of remedying all the evils generally complained of in the matter of governing cities. Too much could not be expected of the commission form."

Those who have conceived the notion that a government by committees is the only blow-in-the-bottle cure-all for municipal ills would do well to cogitate upon the latter point taken by the Gazette.

The Red Cross Seals.
The postoffice department has approved the Red Cross Christmas seal design being used this year, and the seals may, therefore, in accordance with order No. 5020 of the postoffice department "be affixed to the reverse side of domestic mail matter."

Red Cross seals must be placed only on the back of letters and not on the address side of any packages that are going through the mail. They may be placed anywhere on matter going by express. As many seals may be used on the back of a letter or package as may be desired. Care should be exercised in sending merchandise through the mails not to place seals over the string with which the package is tied, since this seals the package against inspection and subjects it to first class postage rates.

The seals may be used on the reverse side of mail matter sent to Austria, Germany, Great Britain, and most of the British colonies except India and Australia. Guatemala, Uruguay and Portugal refuse to admit mail bearing non-postage stamps. Red Cross seals may be used on the face of checks, on bills, on legal documents and on any commercial paper.

These Christmas seals are not good for postage. They will not carry any mail matter, but any kind of mail matter will carry them.

State Farming.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is shown by figures that West Virginia goes to others state for a great amount of foodstuffs, there has been remarkable progress in agriculture the last five years in this state. Better methods are employed. Better business principles are used and there is a vast general improvement in running farms. While the outward and upward movement has not yet developed into proportions large enough to meet the demands, the outlook is hopeful and there can no longer be any doubt as to the coming ability of the agricultural elements of the state to provide foodstuffs for the centers of population, provided the progress made the last five years is kept up in the same ratio and the home markets furnish opportunity and prices to cope with outside markets.

An authority on the rapid progress West Virginia has made the last five years is I. V. Barton, state labor commissioner, who has traveled extensively all over the state. It is of interest to the general public to know what he says on the subject, as follows:

"We, of the northern part of the state," said the commissioner, "have not the opportunity of witnessing the wonderful improvement, and to one who has traveled through both parts of the state, it is little short of remarkable to witness the contrast. The entire method of farming has been revolutionized, and like in some of the more progressive western sections, a farmer seldom sees some of his crops. Harvesting companies have been established in great numbers in the farming districts of the state, which handle entire crops. First an agent makes a circuit of the farms, looks over the grain crop shortly before harvest time, and makes a contract with the farmer to harvest his crop for a certain percentage of the crop. The first delegation of workers to arrive on the scene are the cooks, who pitch the camp and prepare for the coming of the harvesters. An army of men with the necessary machinery to cut the grain then comes, and when they have cut and shocked the crop they move on to the next farm on the circuit, and are followed by the threshers. Usually the harvesting companies even place the grain in elevators where so desired, and the farmer has to but sell his percentage. Potatoes are handled in the same way, and a farmer seldom has anything to do with his crop after it is grown, but to sell it from cold storage."

"In the fruit department the progress is even more marked. Hundreds of acres are yearly being converted into orchards, and in my opinion the fruit business is being overdone in this state. I have seen thousands of young apple trees, only in their third summer, laded down with fruit, and where all the fruit is sent is a mystery to me. Men are kept at work at all times in the orchard, and whenever a tree shows an inclination to be unthrifty it is cut down and replaced by a more thriving plant. Heating apparatus is installed in all the first class orchards to ward off early spring

frosts, and the crop is harvested in the same way."

WALLACE

WALLACE, Dec. 17.—The Christmas bazaar which was held in the Odd Fellows hall by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church proved very successful. Many attractive and fancy articles, as well as useful ones were sold. A large crowd was in attendance and a neat sum was added to its treasury. Chicken sandwiches and coffee were served.

Some excitement prevailed in the upper Elk school last week, when the house caught on fire. The fire was supposed to have originated from an overheated stove pipe. No serious damage was done as when an alarm was given the neighbors promptly responded. The fire was soon gotten under control.

Joseph Lambert, of Clarksburg, was here Sunday visiting his father, William E. Lambert, of the Middle run addition, who has been on the sick list several days.

H. Frank Showalter, of Kentucky, gave an entertainment at the Wallace school house Saturday evening to a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Estlack, of Grass run, were here recently visiting their son, F. S. Estlack, who has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bennett have been confined to their rooms for a few days with la grippe.

Claire Parrish, of Spencer, a member of the firm of Parrish Brothers, which does a large grocery business, was a business visitor here recently.

Misses Merle and Maud Frum, of Sedalia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Robinson Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Barnes, of upper Wallace, spent Sunday visiting her son, Otto Barnes, on Big Elk.

H. D. Steinbeck, of the Weston postoffice, spent Sunday visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore, of Big Elk, were business visitors at the county seat recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Flaherty, of Clarksburg, are visiting friends and relatives here.

NORTHCOTT

According to Report Will Be Manager of Mann's Candidacy for Senatorship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—It is reported here that Elliott Northcott, United States minister to Venezuela, who is in this country on leave of absence, is to become the manager of Col. Isaac T. Mann's campaign for the senatorship and that he will have headquarters at Charleston during the extra and regular sessions of the legislature.

Mr. Northcott could not be seen in regard to the matter by your correspondent but he had several conferences here with Col. Mann and the report that he is to become manager is credited by some of the Republicans.

Judge Haymond Maxwell and Harvey W. Harmer went to Washington, D. C., Monday night to work for the passage of a bill now pending in Congress to prohibit the shipment of intoxicants into dry states.

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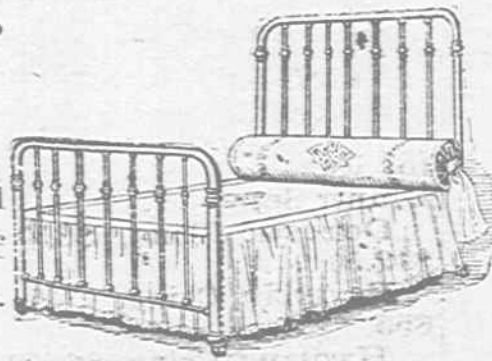
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